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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

- This communication is responsive to amendment of 9/26/95
- All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- The allowed claims are 1-11,15,16
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [...] been received. [...] not been received. [...] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____
- Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
- Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449
- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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Art Unit: 3207

1. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance: The claims call for a single planar panel that is removably attached to the golf bag. This limitation precludes other means of attachment found in the prior art. Specifically, this precludes the need for sidewalls as is shown in patent 3061057 to Miller or the use of two panels as is shown in patent 4779725 to Gerber. Furthermore, the front panel of Gerber(34F) does not completely detach from the rear panel(34R) so if the rear panel were considered part of the golf bag, the claim still would not be anticipated. And even though patent 5186290 to Takayama discloses a bag that completely disassembles(see fig. 5), no motivation is seen to make the front panel removable coupled to the rear panel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chris McDonald whose telephone number is (703) 308-1038.

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Note attached communication from the Examiner
 This notice is issued in view of applicant's communication filed _____

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TITLE OF INVENTION

GOLF BAG WITH REMOVABLE PANELS, AND METHOD FOR ATTACHING INVENTION
HERETO

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**THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT.
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